

## Investing in Sustainability

What grants and other sources of funding exist?

# 1. Government Grants

Grant name	Country	Purpose	Value	Deadline	Link
Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)	England	Paying farmers and landowners to maintain sustainable farming practices to protect and improve the environment.	Per hectare – no minimum or maximum area, payments range from £4 - £732	No deadline	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Farm Equipment and Technology Fund (FETF) – Productivity Strand	England	Supporting the purchase of specific items designed to help businesses use less inputs, reduce emissions and cut waste.	£1000-£50,000	Closed on 17 April 2024 (another round due later in 2024)	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Improving Farm Productivity grant	England	For the purchase of innovative farming equipment to improve productivity and the environment.	£25,000 - £500,000 for robotic or automation equipment, £15,000 - £100,000 for solar PV equipment	Online eligibility checker closed 21 March 2024, RPA will invite projects that score highly enough	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Water Management Grant	England	For the purchase of capital items for improving the efficiency of water use, such as irrigation equipment and reservoir construction.	Between £35,000 - £500,000	Those invited to do a full application – 31 October 2024, round 3 expected in 2024	<a href="#">Click here</a>
The Workplace Charging Scheme	England, Wales, Scotland and NI (not Channel islands or Isle of Man)	Covers 75% of costs of installing up to a total of 40 EV chargepoints.	£350 per chargepoint socket, so max amount £14,000	31 March 2025	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Plug-in Van and Truck Grant	UK wide	A discount available of up to 20% when purchasing a Plug in Van or truck directly from a dealer or manufacturer (customer does not need to apply for the grant themselves).	Small vans - max discount of £2,500 Large vans - max discount of £5,000 Small Trucks - max discount of £16,000. Large trucks max discount of £25,000	31 March 2025	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Industrial Energy Transformation Fund	UK wide	To support energy-intensive businesses with the development and deployment of low-carbon tech.	Minimum thresholds between £75-100K and maximum up to £30m, with various % thresholds, such as 40% of the project cost	Phase 3 closed 19 April 2024, further phases expected	<a href="#">Click here</a>
Sustainable Farming Scheme	Wales	Similar to the SFI in England – payments for actions to protect the environment.	Currently unknown	Future – under consultation, set to open January 2025	<a href="#">Click here</a>

## 2. Lending/Borrowing

### Where can businesses find loans for sustainability projects

All major banks offer a “Green Business loan” or similar. These are often applicable for projects where a business wants to invest in capital items to improve their sustainability, such as renewable energy. These will also be tailored to you, and you will need to meet with a representative from the bank to discuss your project

## 3. Other Sources for Finding Grants

There may be more niche grants, or sources of funding more local to you. There are some grant finders that are managed by local governments.

*Please click on the map opposite to find sources local to you.*

## HTA Advice Lines

Access the free\* HTA advice lines for support with grant funding applications and planning.

[hta.org.uk/advice-lines](https://hta.org.uk/advice-lines)

\*Some advice lines may become chargeable after a period of use.



*Business Wales finance locator does include some nationwide funds and funds applicable to different business types (agriculture, retail etc)*